

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week #1 - When You Can't



GETTING STARTED

What's something you once thought you "couldn't do" as a kid—or even as an adult—but later discovered you actually could (or at least survived doing)?

THIS WEEK'S THEME

Read Exodus 3:1-12

Moses' first reaction to God's call was, "Who am I?" When have you felt like that — unsure or unqualified for something God was asking you to do?

Why do you think so many of us believe we need to "fix" ourselves before God can use us?

Angie reminds us: "The Bible wasn't written to inspire us to do better — it was written to show us who God is." What do we learn about God's character in this story from Exodus? Where else have you learned about God's character in the Bible?

How does knowing who God is help you better understand who you are?

God didn't give Moses a self-improvement plan but simply said, "I will be with you." What does God's presence mean to you when you face your limits or fears?

Where in your life right now do you need to hear God say, "I will be with you"?

Why do you think God delights in using "ordinary" people to do God's work?

What's one ordinary part of your life that God might want to use for an extraordinary purposes this week? If you can't think of something for yourself, can the others in your group think of something on your behalf?

TAKING IT HOME

Write down one situation or relationship where you feel "not enough." Then, next to it, write God's promise: "I will be with you."

PRAY

God, you make the ordinary into extraordinary. Guide us to seek out you in our lives. Amen.